

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on October 14, 2008 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Eric Hart, Vice Chairperson
John Maycock, Clerk
Bette Botticello, Alternate

Members Absent: Susan O'Brien
Gary McLeod
Michael Rell, Alternate
Mark Raymond, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments. Commissioner Maycock, Clerk, read the Legal Notice as it appeared in the *Hartford Courant* on October 3, 2008.

APPLICATION NO. 3639-08. Robert Valerian seeking to install replacement windows and replace stair treads and posts with pressure treated wood at 72 Church Street.

Robert Valerian of 8 Pondsides Lane, Rocky Hill appeared before the commission. Mr. Valerian stated that eighteen (18) windows need to be replaced. The windows will be TrimLine wood white aluminum clad with a 1/1 light pattern and a prairie style grill on the upper sash.

Mr. Valerian also stated that he would be using bullnose treads for the stairs along with a pressure treated wood railing. The posts will be the style submitted with the application and the rails will be square with a toe kick.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3640-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to remove shake shingles from house and replace with vinyl siding and install replacement windows at 123 State Street.

Richard Romano of 123 State Street appeared before the commission. His application was postponed until later in the meeting as his contractor was not yet present.

APPLICATION NO. 3641-08. Peter Leombruni seeking to install an 8' wide x 12' long wood storage shed at 210 Broad Street.

Peter Leombruni of 200 Broad Street appeared before the commission. Mr. Leombruni explained that the structure will be positioned on blocks so that it will not be a permanent structure with a foundation. He would like to use a high pitch on the shed so as to match the existing roofline on the house; however, he will be using vertical cedar for the siding on the shed. The shed will be all wood and painted and include a wooden door on the side.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3642-08. Leigh and Betty Standish seeking to change the material of the front steps from wood to brownstone at 278 Hartford Avenue.

Betty Standish of 278 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Mrs. Standish stated that the dimensions of the steps will remain the same and the only change will be that of the materials used.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3643-08. Lisa Peery seeking to 1) replace existing chimney; 2) install a chimney in new addition and; 3) install two (2) AC condenser units in the back of the residence at 298 Hartford Avenue.

Lisa Peery of 298 Hartford Avenue appeared before the commission. Ms. Peery stated that the existing chimney is leaking into the attic so she will need to re-build it in kind. She will also be installing two (2) gas fireplaces in the addition and needs to install a chimney to ventilate them. She stated that she will have the new chimney match the existing chimney that is on the house. The dimensions for the new chimney will be approximately 24" x 32" and 4' tall. Ms. Peery will also be installing two (2) AC condenser units to the rear of the house. She stated that they will not be visible from either the Cove, or from Hartford Avenue. Ms. Peery will also be adding either a fence, or shrubbery to hide the units further from the public eye.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Betty Standish of 278 Hartford Avenue spoke in favor of the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 3638-08. Matthew and Maggie Gove seeking to install replacement windows at 70 Main Street. (Application tabled from the September 23, 2008 meeting. The last date to act is November 11, 2008)

Matthew Gove of 70 Main Street appeared before the commission. At the September 23, 2008 meeting the commission tabled the application so that the members would have the opportunity to re-visit the property after Mr. Gove explained the changes to the windows he would like to make. The commission members stated that they had individually re-visited the site. Mr. Gove stated that the only change to the application was that he would like to install either a 6/6 or an 8/8 window for the center of the picture window.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

WETHERSFIELD HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING

October 14, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on all the applications except application 3640-08.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3639-08. Robert Valerian seeking to install replacement windows and replace stair treads and posts with pressure treated wood at 72 Church Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulations:

1. The windows shall be white aluminum clad wood with a 1/1 light pattern with a prairie style grill on the upper sash.
2. The muntins shall be permanently affixed to the exterior of the window.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart was pleased to see that the homeowner is trying to replicate the original features and restore the house back to its original state.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3641-08. Peter Leombruni seeking to install an 8' wide x 12' long wood storage shed at 210 Broad Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Maycock, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Hart felt that the shed will have a minimum impact on the district.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3642-08. Leigh and Betty Standish seeking to change the material of the front steps from wood to brownstone at 278 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3643-08. Lisa Peery seeking to 1) replace existing chimney; 2) install a chimney in new addition and; 3) install two (2) AC condenser units in the back of the residence at 298 Hartford Avenue.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3638-08. Matthew and Maggie Gove seeking to install replacement windows at 70 Main Street.

Upon motion by Commissioner Garrey, seconded by Commissioner Hart and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application with the following stipulation:

1. All windows shall be white aluminum clad wood with muntins permanently affixed to the exterior. The picture window shall have a 4/4 light pattern on either side with a 6/6 or 8/8 window in the center. The two (2) remaining windows shall have a 6/6 light pattern.

Discussion

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Botticello

APPLICATION NO. 3640-08. Steve Czerwinski, Inc. seeking to remove shake shingles from house and replace with vinyl siding and install replacement windows at 123 State Street.

Richard Romano's contractor was absent from the meeting and he was unsure of the materials being used in the application.

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, and seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing and open the public meeting on application 3640-08.

Upon motion by Commissioner Botticello, seconded by Commissioner Maycock and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to TABLE the application.

Discussion

Commissioner Botticello felt that the commission needs more information on the project such as what exactly is being done and what materials are being used in order to vote on the application.

Aye: Garrey, Maycock, Hart, Botticello

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF: September 23, 2008

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart, seconded by Commission Garrey and a poll of the Commission the minutes of the September 23, 2008 meeting were approved without objection.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Botticello

OTHER BUSINESS

Public comments on general matters of the Historic District

None.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

None.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Hart and seconded by Commissioner Botticello and a poll of the Commission, it was unanimously voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:15 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Hart, Maycock, Botticello

Respectfully Submitted
TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

John Maycock
Clerk